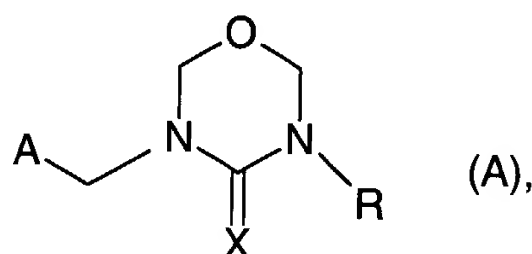


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-22 (Previously Cancelled)

Claims 23-30 (Cancelled)

Claim 31. (Previously Amended) A method for the protection of plant propagation material, which comprises treating the plant propagation material or the site where the propagation material is brought out with an effective insecticidal or acaricidal combination of one or more compounds of the formula



in which

A is an unsubstituted or mono- to tetrasubstituted, aromatic or non-aromatic monocyclic or bicyclic heterocyclic radical, in which the substituents of A are selected from the group consisting of C₁-C₃alkyl, C₁-C₃alkoxy, halogen, halo-C₁-C₃alkyl, cyclopropyl, halocyclopropyl, C₂-C₃alkenyl, C₂-C₃alkynyl, halo-C₂-C₃alkenyl, halo-C₂-C₃alkynyl, halo-C₁-C₃alkoxy, C₁-C₃alkylthio, halo-C₁-C₃alkylthio, allyloxy, propargyloxy, allylthio, propargylthio, haloallyloxy, haloallylthio, cyano and nitro;

R is hydrogen, C₁-C₆alkyl, phenyl-C₁-C₄alkyl, C₃-C₆cycloalkyl, C₂-C₆alkenyl or C₂-C₆alkynyl; and

X is N-NO₂ or N-CN,

in the free form or in salt form, optionally tautomers thereof, in the free form or salt form, and the compound:

(XLI) fipronil;

and at least one formulation auxiliary.

Claims 32 –33 (Cancelled)